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1. SUMMARY: 59TH MEETING, FIFTH COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 21,
DECIDED TO RESTORE SOME OF THE FUNDS CUT BY ACABQ FROM THE SYG'S
ESTIMATES FOR WORK ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. COMMITTEE ALSO
APPROVED DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR FURTHER FINANCING OF UNEF/UNDOF.
END SUMMARY

2. PROGRAM OF WORK.

FRANCE (DERRE) REOPENED QUESTION OF ESA INFORMATION CENTER,
WHICH COMMITTEE HAD DECIDED TO DEFER UNTIL 32ND GA. AT
FRENCH REQUEST UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LAETHEM TOOK THE
FLOOR TO URGE THAT THE COMMITTEE NOT HAMPER ESA IN FULFILLING
DEMONSTRATED NEEDS. ACABQ CHAIRMAN MSELLE THEREUPON AGAIN STATED
THAT ESA HAD AUTHORITY TO BEGIN WORK ON ITS INFORMATION CENTER
EVEN IF ONLY EXTRABUDGETARY FUNDS WERE USED.

3. ITEM 92- REVISED ESTIMATES - TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.
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A. SWEDEN (LELLKI) WELCOMED THE COMPROMISE WHICH HAD BEEN
WORKED OUT BY THE GREEK DELEGATION PROVIDING FOR A PARTIAL
RESTORATION OF PERSONNEL AND NO ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS FOR BOOKS AND
SUPPLIES. PERU (PONCE) WHILE STATING THAT THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD
RECEIVE ALL IT HAD REQUESTED, INDICATED IT WOULD GO ALONG WITH

THE COMPROMISE BUT OPPOSED PREVENTING THE CENTER FROM BUYING BOOKS. US, WHILE CHARACTERIZING THE GREEK SOLUTION AS REASONABLE, SAID IT WOULD HAVE TO ABSTAIN. COLOMBIA (LASCARRO) WITHDREW ITS PROPOSAL THAT FULL SYG REQUEST BE GRANTED IN FAVOR OF THE GREEK COMPROMISE. NETHERLANDS (RHODIUS) SUPPORTIVE OF THE COMPROMISE, WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE REDUCTIONS AND CURTAILMENT OF ACTIVITIES. USSR (GRODSKY) EXPLAINING THAT IT COULD NEITHER SUPPORT THE GREEK COMPROMISE NOR THE ACABQ REPORT DETAILED ITS OPPOSITION TO FINANCING PROCEDURES, INFLATED BUDGETS, AND THE USE OF CONSULTANTS. GHANA (SELYI) SAID IT WOULD QUESTION THE NUMBER OF CONSULTANTS AND THEIR GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION AT THE SESSION NEXT YEAR. KENYA (OKEYO) URGED THAT CONSULTANTS NOT COME EXCLUSIVELY FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. AUSTRIA (MUCK) FAVORED GREEK COMPROMISE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE PROMISING WORK ALREADY DONE ON TNC'S. ALGERIA (BOUAYAD-AGHA) SUPPORTED THE ACABQ REPORT BUT COULD NOT ACCEPT DEPTH OF CURTAILMENT. IRAN (KASHANIAN) ALSO SUPPORTED THE ACABQ REPORT BUT WONDERED ABOUT THE GROWTH OF UNNATURAL ITEMS IN THE BUDGET, E.G., \$20,000 FOR BOOKS. UK (STUART) EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN OVER A LACK OF INTERNAL COORDINATION GIVING RISE TO A BUDGET INCREASE OF 400 PERCENT. VENEZUELA SAID THAT ALTHOUGH IT USUALLY SUPPORTED THE ACABQ, IN THIS CASE IT HAD GONE TOO FAR. COMMITTEE VOTED 63-18(EE'S, AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, FRANCE, FRG, IRAN, ISRAEL, ITALY, UK)-5(US, JAPAN) TO APPROVE GREEK COMPROMISE, WHICH PROVIDED \$2,578,000 UNDER SECTIONS 4,5, 22 D AND J, AND 25 TO BE OFFSET UNDER INCOME SECTIONAL.

B. COMMITTEE THEN ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS CANADIAN DRAFT DECISION (AS REVISED BY CANADA DURING MEETING) WHICH STATES QTE BEFORE ANY DECISION IS REACHED ON SOFTWARE FOR THE CENTER ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, THE SYG SHOULD GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO SUIT-UNCLASSIFIED

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ABLE ALTERNATIVE PACKAGES INCLUDING THE INTEGRATED SET OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS (ISIS) AS AN ALTERNATIVE, AND REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNQTE.A/C.5/31/L.59.

4. ITEM 105 - UNEF/UNDOF

A. COLOMBIA (LASCARRO) INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/31/L.43 ON FINANCING OF UNEF THROUGH OCTOBER 25, 1977 AND UNDOF THROUGH JUNE, 1977, BASED ON CURRENT SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS TILL JANUARY 1, 1977 AND NEW SCALE THEREAFTER. USSR, FAULTING BOTH SYG AND ACABQ REPORTS FOR LACK OF INFORMATION, STATED THAT THERE WAS NO CONVINCING JUSTIFICATION FOR THE LEVEL OF REQUESTED ALLOCATION. URGED THAT UNENCUMBERED BALANCES BE CREDITED TO MEMBER STATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS FINANCIAL REGULATIONS. SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC (HAMSAH) STATED IT WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION SINCE THE DRAFT DID NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE AGGRESSOR AND THE VICTIM. IRAQ (KHALEF) STATED IT WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTING AS IT DID NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FINANCING OF

ZIONIST AGGRESSION. POLAND (MAKOWSKI) STATED IT WOULD SUPPORT L.43 BUT HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE APPLICATION OF THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS. LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC, CHINA, AND BENIN STATED THEY WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE. JAPAN INDICATED ITS INTENTION TO JOIN A CONSENSUS ON THE RESOLUTION BUT ALSO HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE APPLICATION OF THE NEW SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS WHICH IT VIEWD AS INTERIM. KUWAIT (AL-ZAID) FAVORING THE RESOLUTION HAS IT HAD DONE IN THE PAST, ALSO ENTERTAINED RESERVATIONS ABOUT SCALE APPLICATION.

B. COMMITTEE FIRST VOTED ON PARAGRAPH 18 OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT ASKING FOR AUTHORITY TO USE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE OF \$11 MILLION FOR RELOCATING UNEF HEADQUARTERS. RESULT WAS 73(US)-10(EE'S)-0. HOWEVER, COMMITTEE CONCURRED BY CONSENSUS IN PARA 8 OF ACABQ, REPORT RECOMMENDING THAT SYG REVIEW DETAILED PLANS BEFORE FURTHER ACTION ON RELOCATING HEADQUARTERS. VOTE ON DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/31/L.43 WAS 73(US)-1(SYRIA)-10 (MOST EE'S, GABON).
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